

## THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

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It is estimated that the Panama Canal will cost about a quarter of a billion.

Melville W. Fuller, of Illinois, has been appointed chief justice of United States supreme court.

At the Illinois Republican Convention the name of Walter Q. Gresham was endorsed for presidential nomination.

Mr. C. E. Labdell, of Dighton, is a candidate for attorney general. Mr. Labdell is highly recommended by those who know him as an able lawyer and sound republican.

The Burlington Blade comes to us this week a mammoth 24 page paper. It is the anniversary edition of the Blade, and fitly celebrates the occasion. It is a boomer for Burlington.

S. R. Wharton, formerly traveling correspondent for the Kansas City Journal, in Kansas, will assume editorial and business management of the Salina Republican on May 10th. The Republican ought to experience a boom in consequence.—Oberlin Opinion.

The Abilene Gazette, the so-called state organ for democracy, nominates (in its mind) a number of republican state and other officers. The Gazette is very kind in telling the republicans what to do. The chances are that the candidates named by the Gazette are hardly the ones who will be nominated by the republicans.

The difference between the republican and democratic parties in the matter of available Presidential timber is just this: the republican party has at least a half dozen candidates all of whom are men of brains, integrity and conceded fitness; the democratic party, by its blind devotion to Mr. Cleveland, a man whom that party does not want to renominate, but is compelled to do so by the pressure of circumstances, and whose support is of the mechanical rather than the spontaneous and enthusiastic sort, squarely admits its destitution of men whose nomination for Presidency at this time it dares to risk.—Champion.

Senator Ingalls on the 1st inst took occasion to go into the record of Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, the tall sycamore of the Wabash. Mr. Ingalls' remarks were brought on by an attack made on him by Voorhees a few days previously. The great Indiana orator before Ingalls got through with him was reduced to the extremity of using the word Liar, Liar, and this in the face of letters and other testimony which proved the truth of every word uttered by Mr. Ingalls. That Voorhees was disloyal to the government during the war for its preservation, there is no doubt, and no man better deserved the severe chastisement inflicted by our gifted senator than the peace sneak Voorhees. Hereafter it is hoped that such as he will not attempt to foist the example of their war records up as models of patriotism.

### SENSIBLE.

We see that a great many of the newspaper boys are devoting much valuable space to booming various north-west men for places on the state ticket. Now let the Register put in its little word; we have been a friend of Mr. R. M. Pickler for a good many years, and believe that he would make a good lieutenant governor, but of what benefit would it be to the north-west to furnish the lieutenant governor? He has but little if any influence, and aside from presiding over the senate, he is of but very little importance. Now everybody concedes that this section must have one of the best officers, but no one believes in her ability to get more than one. Such being the case, why would it not be good policy for us to strike for an office whose holder could be of some benefit to us, such as the Secretary of State? Mr. Norton, of Beloit, is very favorably mentioned in connection with that office, and we believe that the north-west can do no better than to send her men to Topeka instructed for him.—Blakeman Register.

### A FEW REASONS WHY.

The Emporia Republican, in answer to the query of a Democratic exchange "Why should Blaine or his friends hope to win now any more than four years ago," gives these excellent reasons:

In the first place, Cleveland has made a record sufficient to condemn him of itself. It is not necessary to go into particulars. The country is familiar with sham civil service reform, a disgracefully weak foreign policy, the elevation of unrepentant traitors to the highest positions, the rebel flag order, the wanton insults to veteran soldiers of the Union, the continual playing into the hands of the Wall street capitalists, etc., etc. Such a record is one sound reason—a very sound reason.

And then the fight this year is to be waged, partially at least, upon the industrial issue—an issue that the Democrats have never before, in recent years, allowed themselves to be thoroughly committed upon. Thanks to a blundering president, they have been forced into a corner this year, from which it is impossible to escape. If Hancock was beaten for considering the tariff "merely a local issue," what will happen to Cleveland who makes undisguised war upon it?

Then the indications this year—the elections in all the doubtful States and through the Northern States generally, are far more hopeful than at this time four years ago; then everything boded disaster for Republicans; now everything points to victory. The party is exuberant, enthusiastic and eager for the fray.

The combination of unfortunate accidents that turned the scale in 1884 cannot possibly occur again. Burckhard has turned Democrat, (if he ever was anything else), the St. Johnites have been exposed as Democratic allies and dwindled in numbers, the Mugwumps have turned free traders, and will lose their following in the only states where they amount to anything.

And last but not least, the 'change' the people were deluded into believing the country needed, and by which an era of unexampled prosperity was to be ushered in, has utterly failed to benefit anybody but a lot of lean, lank, hungry office-seekers; the merchant, the farmer and the laboring man are in as bad if not worse condition than they were four years ago. The 'change' has proven itself a snare and a fraud, and the people are disgusted and heartily tired of it.

Yes, indeed, reasons for Republican success this year are as plentiful as apple blossoms.

### Meeting of the Anti-Saloon Republican Convention.

NEW YORK, May 2.—The second national republican anti-saloon convention began this morning in the hall of the Cooper Institute. Delegates from all of the states were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Griffin at 11 a. m., who introduced Dr. S. S. Forest, of Alabama, who opened proceedings by offering prayer.

Chairman Griffin followed by an opening address, in the course of which he said that the only way in which this movement can be successful is to have the help of others that are not now in the movement. He also said:

There are not enough radical anti-saloon republicans in this country. Seventy-five per cent of the Republicans are opposed to saloons and consider it a paramount question. Fifteen per cent care more for political movements than the saloon question. These fifteen per cent don't care about the liquor question whatever. There is only ten per cent in favor of saloons.

It is also known that only one-half of one per cent of the Republican party are in the liquor business. We hope that by the action of the next national convention this half of one per cent will be eliminated from that business.

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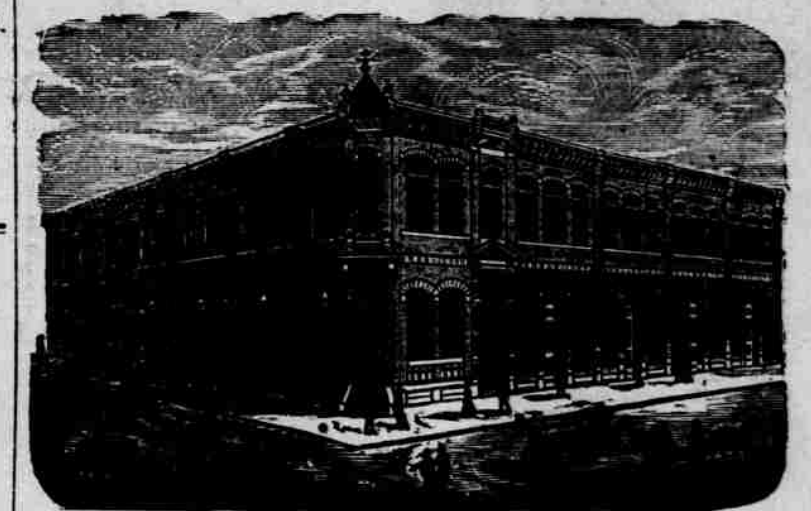
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